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# DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MEETING RESULTS

**Tuesday, January 26, 2010**

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The following are the results of the January 26, 2010 Downtown Commission Meeting. An audio record of the meeting is available at the Department of Development, Planning Division Office.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Steve Wittmann (Chair), Otto Beatty, Jr.,  
Mike Lusk, and Jana Maniace,

**Commissioners Absent:** Kyle Katz, Bob Loversidge, and Danni Palmore

**Staff in Attendance:** Daniel Thomas,

## I. Approval of the December 15, 2009 Downtown Commission Meeting Results

## II. Applications for Certificate of Appropriateness

### 1. 407-10

#### Signage – Lifestyle Communities - Annex at RiverSouth

**Applicant:** Russell Boiarsky [Dir. of Marketing–Lifestyle Communities]

**Property Owner:** South Front Street West, Ltd. & South Front Street East, Ltd.  
Brent Miller [President]

**Design Professional :** Derek Atchley (Atchley Signs & Graphics)

**Zoning:** DD (Riverfront and Core Sub-District)

#### Request:

Design review and approval for installation of banner signs mounted to the buildings along Front Street. CC3359.27(D)3 CC3359.11(7) All graphics mounted over two (2) stories or twenty-four (24) feet above grade requires Downtown Commission approval 3359.11(6)

#### Discussion:

These will be permanent signs intended to replace the existing temporary banners. The Commissioners thought that the banner signs were a good idea, but emphasized that the hardware have character and make it unique. This might include a graphic identity on the banner. The banners will be at the same elevation, a revision. The 3ft. x 11 ft. banners will be affixed to 6½ inch steel rods. Commissioners wondered about wind sheer and suggested engineer look at this. Vinyl mesh could be used if need be.

**Result:**

Motion to approve subject to the following: (4-0)

- Submission of revised drawing indicating bracket (rod) design, material
- Engineering in regards to wind sheer

To be submitted to staff and review by Commissioners (Lusk, Maniace)

**2. 406-10****Signage – SE Corner of Gay & High – The Cube**

**Applicant:** Tom Fortin

**Property Owner:** Milan High Street LLC / Anil Yahdev

**Design Professional:** - SignCom

**Zoning:** DD (Core Sub-District)

**Request:**

Design review and approval for: CC3359.27(D)3 CC3359.11(7).

- The removal of metal stars, medallions and eagles.
- Putty holes with matching limestone.
- Power wash s exterior.

**Discussion:**

The applicant explained why the ornaments had been removed. The building had been vacant for a number of years and stars and medallions had been stolen. Prying off the ornaments had damaged the limestone. The Commission stressed that the applicant should come in to the Commission to received approval for building modifications before the fact not after. Sprint is the second major ground floor (Sugar Daddies signage was approved in August of 2009) will have awning signs as well as the remaining blade sign. The “Cube” sign, a m brushed metal sign will be erected at the upper corner. The canopy sign over doors leading to the foyer is not part of this submission and will return at a later date.

**Result:**

Move to approve Sprint blade sign, Sprint awning signs and “Cube” sign. (4-0)

**3. 408-10****491 North Park St. The Cantina**

**Applicant:** Jeff Parenteau, Imperial Renovations and Designs

**Property Owner:** Chris Corso

**Design Professional:** Buell Koone

**Zoning:** DD (North Market Area Sub-District)

**Request:** Design review and approval for: CC3359.27(3)

- Removing the existing wood façade to expose existing stucco. The wood patio screening will also be removed.
- Installation of wrought iron fence, including an entry feature
- Alteration to convert to a Mexican theme
- Signage

**Discussion:**

The Commission generally supported the application but had problems with the lack of detail and specificity. These included color specifications, signage detail, what the fiberglass “tile” roof would look and feel like, details of the garage doors, detailing of the iron gate. Mike Lusk and Jana Maniace had already met with the applicant and worked out some details, i.e., the setback of the iron fence.

**Result:**

The applicant shall meet with Lusk and Maniace to approve details.

**III. Certificate of Appropriateness applications for Advertising Murals:**

**1. 409-10**

**Salon Lofts. – 15 W. Cherry Street**

**Applicant:** Salon Lofts, LLC

**Property Owner:** Nathan E. Katz, Charlotte Beckman

**Installation:** Clear Channel

**Zoning:** DD (Core Sub-District)

**Request:**

Design review and approval for installation of a vinyl mesh advertising mural to be located on the south and east elevations at 15 Cherry St. Proposed mural – “Salon Lofts Click, Pick – Book Online” CC3359.27(D)3) CC3359.11(7).

**Discussion:**

The new mural was to emphasize making reservations on-line. The Commission felt that the prior two Salon Lofts murals at this location were more successful because they had less text and used more images. The applicant stated that the company intentionally wanted to make a change. The commission suggested that the SL be downsized and visual imagery be introduced.

**Result:**

No action taken. Applicant will rework and present again at a subsequent Commission meeting.

**IV. Postponed and/or failure to show**

**404-09 Renovation -495 E. Main Street – For use as Medical Offices**

**Request:**

Certificate of Appropriateness to renovate existing structure. CC3359.27(D)3) Submission of site plan.

*This application was approved at the December 15, 2009 Downtown Commission meeting with the condition that a site plan be submitted to the Commission. Did not show up. Was reviewed at the end of the meeting but the submission was viewed as incomplete (inadequate). Plant list, specification of fence/ wall, example of paver material are all to be expected.*

**412-10**

**100 N. Front Street.**

**Applicant:** CB Outdoor Advertising, Perrysburg , Ohio

**Property Owner:** 98 North Front Street LLC

**Design Professional:** N/A

**Zoning:** DD (Core Sub-District)

**Request:**

Inquiry as to whether this location would be potentially appropriate for 50'H x 125" W vinyl mesh advertising mural. CC3359.27(D)3) CC3359.11(7).

*Withdrew but discussion of the site was that it was unlikely that this location will be approved because of obstruction of architectural elements*

**V. Business / Discussion**

Discussion about quality of submissions.

**If you have questions concerning this agenda, please contact Daniel Thomas, Urban Design Manager, Planning Division at 645-8404.**